

# APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR MESA CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT PERMIT

321 CMR 10.23 (dated 3/1/2006)

#### PERMIT APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Required fee. Please see <a href="www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/nhenvfee.htm">www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/nhenvfee.htm</a> to determine the fee that will be due before the Permit can be issued. Required items below are relative to state-listed species.

Permit applications shall specifically address each of the following areas:

A. Existing Conditions

C. Impact Analysis

B. Proposed Conditions

D. Conservation & Management Plan

#### A. Existing Conditions

- 1. Describe current land uses on and adjacent to the project site.
- 2. Describe and quantify the extent of rare species habitat on the site by habitat function (e.g., how much feeding, breeding, migration, etc. habitat is on site). Note variations in habitat quality.
- 3. Aerial photograph with overlay of vegetation cover types.
- 4. Aerial photograph with overlay of rare species habitat mapped by habitat function.

## B. Proposed Conditions

- 1. Describe proposed project.
- 2. Project plans for all future proposed uses of the site.
- 3. Aerial photograph showing extent of rare species habitat with overlay of proposed development (include all grading and disturbance of vegetation or soils).

## C. IMPACT ANALYSIS

- 1. Assess alternatives; describe how project design avoids and minimizes impacts.
- 2. Quantify all temporary and permanent impacts (e.g., provide table comparing acreage of available feeding, breeding, nesting, etc. habitat under existing and proposed conditions)
- 3. Assess project-related direct and indirect impacts to rare species habitat How does the project meet the "insignificant impact" standard (321 CMR 10.23(2)(b))?

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